

TRIBUTE - Remembering Jo Prag

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Jo Prag's son, Tony, wrote this warm tribute to his beloved father.

It was read out at the funeral of our dear friend Jo on 9 December 2015 at Rainham Cemetery.

Joseph George Prag, son of Jacob (Jack) and Lily Prag, was born in Cricklewood, London on 30 April 1921. He has an older sister Elaine Cohen who is well known to everyone at JDA and he had a younger sister Rica who died many years ago.

He attended Anerley Deaf School where he won lots of certificates in Maths. He joined the National Deaf Club, where he played in the tennis team and won a silver medal in a doubles match in Paris.

After school he lived in Somali Road, West Hampstead, until the family was bombed out in October 1940.

He met his wife Annie at a JDA party and they married at Hampstead Synagogue on 17 June 1951. Two of his bridesmaids, Adele Rubenstein and Jenny Nathan, his niece, attended his funeral.



Jo worked as a tailor making ladies coats and skirts. After he retired, his wife Annie became disabled and he devoted his life to looking after her.

His main pastime was watching football and he was, I think we can say without any doubt, a fanatic supporter of Arsenal. Gloom would descend on the flat if Arsenal lost a match.

He lived at Young Court, part of the Jewish Community Sheltered Accommodation for 12 years. Jo and I were very grateful to the wardens there, particularly Smart, who was an enormous help to Jo and me.

In the last year or so, Jo started to go to JDA regularly on a Wednesday and really enjoyed himself.

More recently, when he was too ill to go out, Jo had wonderful support from JDA support workers Lisa, Janet and Janine, who all attended his funeral.

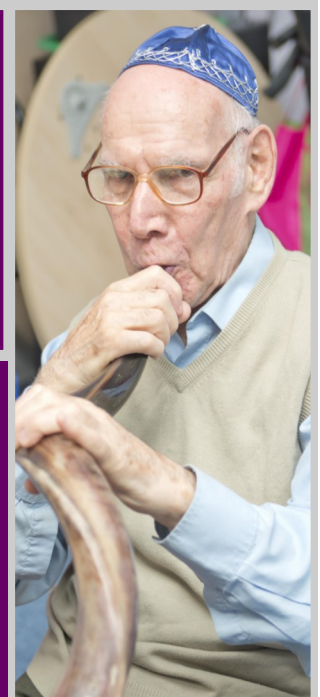
Jo was a lovely friendly person who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

May his dear soul rest in peace.

Some happy JDA memories of Jo Prag



◀ Jo with his sister, Elaine Cohen, who JDA visits regularly at her care home.



▲ Enjoying a chat with Melody.
◀ Selfie with Lisa, one of the JDA team who cared for Jo until his end of life.



▲ Jo and his son Tony relaxing together.

➤ Jo 'blowing the Shofar' at a JDA Rosh Hashanah service.